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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE


Proposed DCID 15/1

1. Over the three years since NSCID-15 was issued (13 June 1951) a need has been felt among the IAC agencies for a more refined delineation of responsibilities for the production of foreign economic intelligence.

2. In an attempt to meet this need and the responsibility for coordinating intelligence in such a way as to prevent unnecessary duplication, the Director of Central Intelligence proposes to issue an intelligence directive, DCID 15/1, "Production of Economic Intelligence," a draft of which is attached for your consideration.

3. It will be noted that Paragraph 1 sets forth principles in similar terms to those the IAC agreed to in DCID 3/4, "Production of Scientific Intelligence." Paragraph 2 assigns primary areas of responsibility, in geographic and/or functional terms, while at the same time recognizing that the dividing lines can never be sharply delineated. Paragraph 3 merely adds to the present functions of the Economic Intelligence Committee that of coordinating external research on economic intelligence. That there has been considerable duplication of effort in this field is apparent from a study of EIC-S-13, "Report of Government Sponsored External Economic Research Projects on the Soviet Bloc" and OIR/State reports on government sponsored "Foreign Area and Psychological Warfare Research." Early action is desirable in order to meet the criticism to which the intelligence community has been exposed on this score by the Congress.

4. It is suggested that the attached draft be considered in principle at an early meeting of the IAC.


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Proposed Director of Central Intelligence Directive 15/1

Production of Economic Intelligence

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Pursuant to the provisions of NSCID Nos. 1, 3, and 15, and for the purpose of strengthening the over-all governmental intelligence structure for the production of economic intelligence, the following policies and operating procedures are hereby established:

1. Policies

In discharging allocated responsibilities and effecting integration of economic intelligence, the interested departments and agencies will apply the following basic principles:

- a. No complete separation of areas of interest is possible or necessarily desirable in economic intelligence activities.
- b. Full and free interchange of all intelligence information and finished intelligence and schedules of research programs, including external research, between all agencies concerned is essential.
- c. No one agency is considered to be the final authority in any field; conclusions may be questioned by other IAC agencies and dissents recorded.

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d. Any agency may make such studies as it believes necessary to supplement intelligence obtained from other agencies in order to fulfill its agency functions, but basic research studies should not normally be undertaken without advance consultation with the agency having primary responsibility for the subject matter involved.

e. An agency charged with primary responsibility in a particular field will develop special competence in that field and will normally carry out most of the research in that field.

f. Each intelligence agency will endeavor to coordinate the intelligence activities of its Technical Services and its other facilities having economic intelligence production capabilities with the work of the IAC intelligence agencies and to make available to those agencies the intelligence produced by such Services and facilities.

2. Allocation of Primary Production Responsibilities

a. Production of general economic intelligence on countries outside the Soviet Bloc* is the responsibility of the Department of State.

*As used herein, "Soviet Bloc" includes USSR, Communist China, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria, Albania, Soviet occupied portions of Germany and Austria, and Communist dominated portions of Korea and Indo-China.

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b. Production of general economic intelligence on the Soviet Bloc* is the responsibility of the Central Intelligence Agency.

c. Production of military-economic intelligence on all foreign countries (including, by way of illustration, intelligence on military requirements, military end-item production, shipbuilding and ship movements, logistic capabilities, vulnerabilities to all forms of military attack, and target systems analysis) is the responsibility of the departments of the Department of Defense.

d. Despite the above-mentioned allocations of primary production responsibilities, there will be areas of common or overlapping interest which will require continuing inter-agency liaison and cooperation.

3. Responsibility for Economic Intelligence Coordination

a. The Central Intelligence Agency will continue to have the responsibility for coordination of foreign economic intelligence as outlined in NSCID No. 15. To assist the Central Intelligence Agency in carrying out this responsibility, the Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) shall continue to perform the functions outlined in IAC-D-22/1 (Revised),

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b. In order to minimize the duplication of effort and expense, the EIC will prepare and circulate consolidated periodic lists of the economic research being conducted within the intelligence agencies. All external projects for research in support of economic intelligence production involving more than \$5,000 will be submitted to the EIC for recommendation in advance of final approval. The EIC will advise the sponsoring agencies of its recommendations and will summarize these recommendations, together with subsequent agency actions, in periodic reports to the IAC.

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